Nebraska County Population Update—1990 to 2010

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More People, More Workers

Nebraska's total population will grow 6.6 percent in the first decade of the study period—1990 to 2000—and 6.5 percent during the second—2000 to 2010. The projected average annual growth rate over the two-decade period will be 0.6 percent per year.

Nebraska's working-age population, age 16 to 65, will grow faster than total population—just under 10 percent in each of the two decades. Projected average annual growth rate in the working-age population will be 0.9 percent.

Nebraska's population growth will not be uniform. Many rural counties will continue to experience dwindling populations. Counties with larger populations tend to grow faster than smaller counties.

During the 1990 to 2010 period, the average annual growth rate of total population in metro counties will be 0.9 percent, outpacing non-metro counties at 0.3 percent.

County population growth will continue to be affected by the adverse migration of the 1980s. The losses experienced in that period not only meant a short-term loss of the young, working-age population, but also that the ability of counties to regenerate themselves through births was impacted. Birth rates tend to peak for women in their late twenties and diminish slowly in the early thirties when birth rates drop markedly. Future growth will depend critically on the county's ability to attract young, working-age populations.

This study incorporates data from the U.S. Census 1995 intercensal estimates for total county populations and estimates of future migration rates reported in the October 1996 issue of *Business in Nebraska*. The initial study relied on the 1990 Census. The update also includes improvements in the methods of applying appropriate age distributions to projected migration rates. Essentially, each county is given a unique age distribution of migration based on its expected future migration rates, county type, and whether the county is expected to have net migration gains or losses. Birth rates have been adjusted for various county types, based on vital statistics for the counties in the 1990 to 1995 period.

County Types

Metro—County within a metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

Large Trade Center—County outside an MSA—population of largest town is at least 7,500 persons.

Small Trade Center—County outside an MSA— population of largest town ranges from 2,500 to 7,499 persons.

Rural—Population of largest town is 2,499 persons or less. *(Note that the total populations of some rural counties exceed 2,499.)*

Rural Classifications

Rural I: total population less than 1,000
Rural II: total population ranges from 1,000 to 2,499
Rural III: total population ranges from 2,500 to 4,999
Rural IV: total population 5,000 to 7,499
Rural V: total population 7,500 or above

Total Population Growth

Nebraska's population increased in the early 1990s and will continue to increase over the balance of the decade and into the next century. The increases are in sharp contrast to the 1980s when Nebraska's population increased only 0.5 percent over the entire decade. County growth rates for the 1990 to 2000 period are presented in Figure 1 and for the 2000 to 2010 period in Figure 2. Evidence of the turnaround can be found in the 1995 intercensal estimates. See Table 1 for 1995 intercensal estimates and forecasts for the 2000 to 2010 period.

Increases are unevenly distributed across the state. Rural counties with populations under 5,000 will see total population decreases over the period 1990 to 2010. Loup, Gosper, Sioux, and Frontier Counties are the exceptions. These counties showed positive net migration rates from 1990 to 1995 and are expected to continue to increase during the next 15-year period. Table 1 presents growth rates by county type.

Two groups of larger rural counties, populations over 5,000 but below 7,500, and rural counties over 7,500, show population losses over the two-decade period. But, the percent decrease is smaller than in the small rural counties. Further, large rural counties, as a group, would have shown an increase even if the population loss of one of the counties was moderate.

Working-age Population Growth

Net migration into Nebraska, marked by a concentration of young, working-age adults, will aid population growth during the study period (Table 2).

Positive growth is seen in the working-age population in 20 of the state's 52 rural counties. Fifteen of these have positive net migration during the 20-year study period. Grant, Logan, and Wheeler Counties have less than 1,000 population each and have net migration rates of 2.5 percent or less. These counties also experience low growth in the working-age group, less than 5 percent. Cedar County, a large rural county, had a negative net outmigration in the 1990 to 1995 period, but is expected to experience growth in working-age population during the period 1995 to 2010. Thurston County's Native American population is expected to become the majority of its residents early in the next century, due to high birth rates.

Non-rural counties—except Holt, Jefferson, Kearney, and Red Willow—show positive growth over the entire study period. Notably, Jefferson County is expected to continue to experience severe losses in working-age population, following the trend of the 1980 to 1990 period.
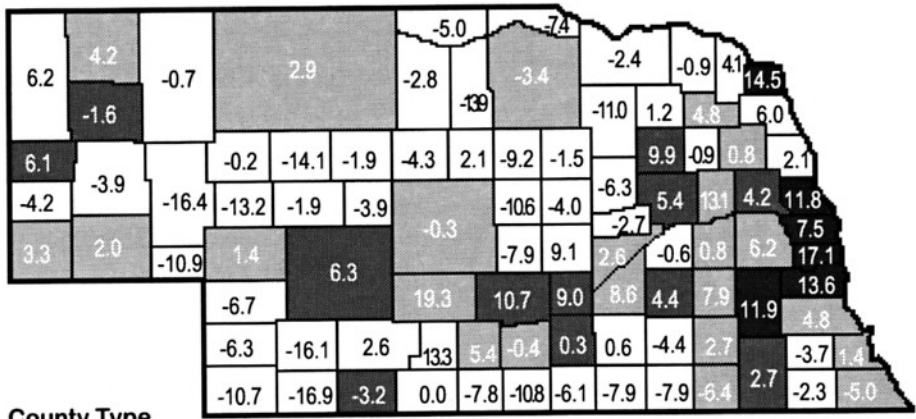
Other Age Groups

Table 3 presents the population growth rate of children ages 0 to 18, by county type. Despite high birth rates, losses of the young, working-age populations in rural counties result in an overall decrease in the number of children. Even though growth in large trade center counties and metro areas is fairly strong, it is does not result in rapid growth in the number of children by the year 2010.

A rapidly growing segment of the state's population—those over age 80—shows nearly 20 percent growth over the 1990 to 2010 period. Strong growth is seen in the over-80 segment of metro-area populations. However, this group experiences most growth in small rural counties during the first half of the two-decade period (Table 4).

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Figure 1
County Population Growth, by County Type—1990 to 2000

Positive net migration rate means net inmigraion.

Net inmigration means more prople moved into a county than moved out—net outmigtration, the opposite.

Negataive Net Migration rate means net outmigration.

County Type
- Rural
- Small Trade Center
- Large Trade Center
- Metropolitan

Table 1
Total Population Estimates and Projections, by County Type
1990, 1995, 2000, and 2010

	Intercensal		Projections		Growth Rate % 1990-2000	Growth Rate % 2000-2010	Growth Rate % 1990-2010
	1990	1995	2000	2010			
Nebraska Total	**1,580,670**	**1,637,112**	**1,685,290**	**1,795,158**	**6.6**	**6.5**	**13.6**
Rural Counties	207,028	204,548	200,021	193,210	-3.4	-3.4	-6.7
Small Trade Center Counties	240,027	246,440	250,160	259,135	4.2	3.6	8.0
Large Trade Center Counties	343,696	352,659	363,390	392,546	5.7	8.0	14.2
Metro Counties	789,919	833,465	871,719	950,267	10.4	9.0	20.3
Rural Counties by Size							
Rural <1,000	7,453	7,358	7,152	6,836	-4.0	-4.4	-8.3
Rural 1,000-2,499	14,558	14,224	13,539	12,396	-7.0	-8.4	-14.8
Rural 2,500-4,999	54,619	53,232	51,219	47,747	-6.2	-6.8	-12.6
Rural 5,000-7,499	87,111	86,908	85,761	83,733	-1.6	-2.4	-3.9
Rural 7,500+	43,287	42,826	42,350	42,498	-2.2	0.3	-1.8

Figure 2
County Population Growth, by County Type—2000 to 2010

County Type
- Rural
- Small Trade Center
- Large Trade Center
- Metropolitan
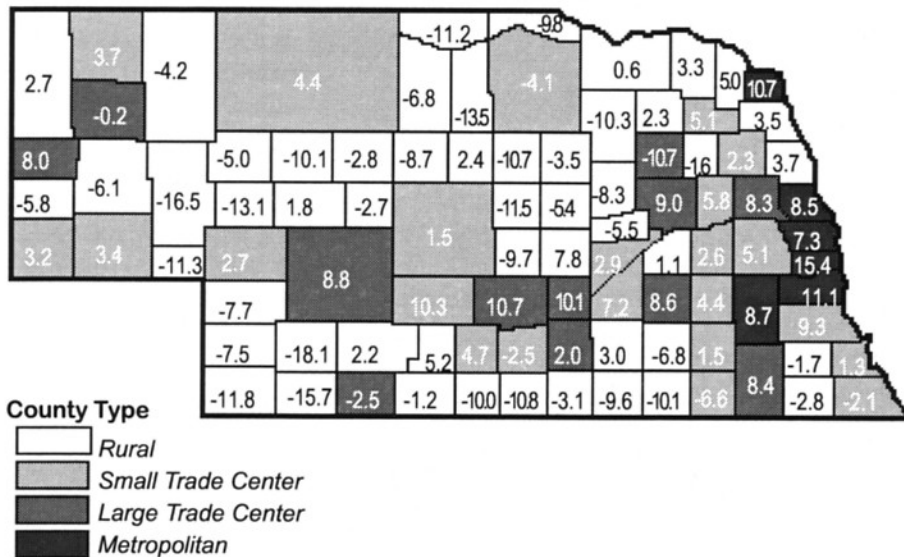
Table 2
Working Age* Population Estimates and Projections, by County Type
1990, 1995, 2000, and 2010

	Intercensal		Projections		Growth Rate % 1990-2000	Growth Rate % 2000-2010	Growth Rate % 1990-2010
	1990	1995	2000	2010			
Nebraska Total	**984,529**	**1,020,781**	**1,076,757**	**1,179,630**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**19.8**
Rural Counties	114,584	113,021	113,877	112,409	-0.6	-1.3	-1.9
Small Trade Center Counties	139,907	144,228	150,607	160,869	7.6	6.8	15.0
Large Trade Center Counties	208,733	216,356	231,572	258,712	10.9	11.7	23.9
Metro Counties	521,304	547,191	580,701	647,641	11.4	11.5	24.2
Rural Counties by Size							
Rural <1,000	4,282	4,232	4,244	4,162	-0.9	-1.9	-2.8
Rural 1,000-2,499	8,279	8,156	8,045	7,674	-2.8	-4.6	-7.3
Rural 2,500-4,999	29,911	29,147	28,849	27,400	-3.6	-5.0	-8.4
Rural 5,000-7,499	48,494	48,088	48,442	47,662	-0.1	-1.6	-1.7
Rural 7,500+	23,617	23,398	24,296	25,511	2.9	5.0	8.0

*Note: Working age is defined as ages 16 to 65.

Table 3
Populations Age 0 to 18 Estimates and Projections, by County Type
1990, 1995, 2000, and 2010

	Intercensal		Projections		Growth Rate % 1990-2000	Growth Rate % 2000-2010	Growth Rate % 1990-2010
	1990	1995	2000	2010			
Nebraska Total	**452,265**	**470,320**	**471,664**	**472,132**	**4.3**	**0.1**	**4.4**
Rural Counties	59,776	58,859	54,717	48,374	-8.5	-11.6	-19.1
Small Trade Center Counties	68,382	70,514	69,987	68,647	2.3	-1.9	0.4
Large Trade Center Counties	100,014	102,479	102,189	106,188	2.2	3.9	6.2
Metro Counties	224,093	238,457	244,770	248,924	9.2	1.7	11.1
Rural Counties by Size							
Rural <1,000	2,283	2,262	2,073	1,726	-9.2	-16.7	-24.4
Rural 1,000-2,499	3,948	3,781	3,292	2,421	-16.6	-26.5	-38.7
Rural 2,500-4,999	15,184	14,675	13,276	11,014	-12.6	-17.0	-27.5
Rural 5,000-7,499	25,381	25,236	23,986	21,847	-5.5	-8.9	-13.9
Rural 7,500+	12,980	12,905	12,090	11,367	-6.9	-6.0	-12.4

Methodology

Forecasts are conditional statements based available information. The data for 1990 are based on the intercensal estimates for that year. Estimates of age distribution are based on the 1990 Census distribution, modified to meet the intercensal total. The 1995 totals are estimates based on the intercensal survey for 1995.

A base population was aged and mortality and birth rates were applied. Rural counties with populations over 2,500 and small and large trade centers have birth rates that are over 10 percent greater than given by standard birth rate tables. Birth rates were modified, based on Nebraska experience. No modifications were necessary for mortality rates.

Migration was added to the natural growth in population by employing forecast migration rates and appropriate age distribution of the migrators. Migration age distributions were based on historical patterns and represent averages for county types. Young, working-age people comprise the largest segment of the migrating population. Ninety of Nebraska's 93 counties showed net outmigration for the 1980 to 1990 period, providing substantial input on outmigration patterns by age of the migrators and by county type. Less is known about the age distribution of migration for counties with net inmigration. Distributions were developed from data on prior residence.

Population Monograph

A detailed forecast of county population by age is forthcoming. Alternative forecasts based on the assumption of no migration will be included in the report. The alternative forecasts will reveal underlying pure demographic flows, based on historical age distributions.

Table 4
Populations Age 80 Years and Over, Estimates and Projections, by County Type
1990, 1995, 2000, and 2010

	Intercensal		Projections		Growth Rate % 1990-2000	Growth Rate % 2000-2010	Growth Rate % 1990-2010
	1990	1995	2000	2010			
Nebraska Total	**61,236**	**65,228**	**66,960**	**73,292**	**9.3**	**9.5**	**19.7**
All Rural	13,117	13,832	14,173	15,152	8.1	6.9	15.5
Small Trade Center Counties	13,068	13,863	13,907	14,358	6.4	3.2	9.9
Large Trade Center Counties	14,718	15,357	15,227	15,215	3.5	-0.1	3.4
Metro Counties	20,333	22,167	23,653	28,568	16.3	20.8	40.5
Rural Counties by Size							
Rural <1,000	317	362	383	374	21.0	-2.6	17.9
Rural 1,000-2,499	855	934	945	956	10.5	1.1	11.8
Rural 2,500-4,999	3,758	3,925	4,113	4,310	9.5	4.8	14.7
Rural 5,000-7,499	5,472	5,796	5,935	6,711	8.4	13.1	22.6
Rural 7,500+	2,715	2,814	2,797	2,801	3.0	0.1	3.2

Past, Projected Nonfarm Employment and Income Growth for Nebraska, U.S., and Selected Neighboring States

Employment Growth *(percent)*

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Colorado	4.4	3.3	3.1	2.6	2.6
Iowa	3.0	2.7	1.5	0.8	0.9
Kansas	2.9	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.1
Missouri	2.9	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.4
Nebraska	3.1	2.5	1.7	1.8	1.8
South Dakota	3.6	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.3
U.S.	2.6	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.6

Personal Income Growth *(percent)*

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Colorado	6.5	8.2	6.7	6.9	6.8
Iowa	5.3	6.9	5.3	5.9	6.1
Kansas	4.2	6.6	5.4	5.2	5.2
Missouri	5.5	7.2	4.8	4.8	4.4
Nebraska	5.0	7.4	6.4	6.5	6.5
South Dakota	6.2	7.8	5.2	5.7	4.8
U.S.	5.0	6.5	5.5	4.7	4.9

Sources include Nebraska Business Forecast Council reports, reports from the Council's counterparts in neighboring states, combined with data from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Nebraska Stats
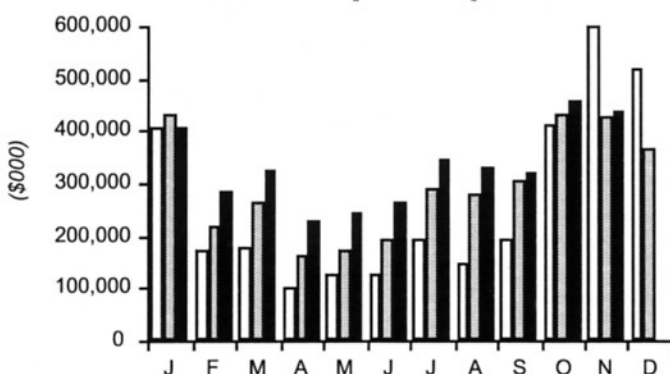
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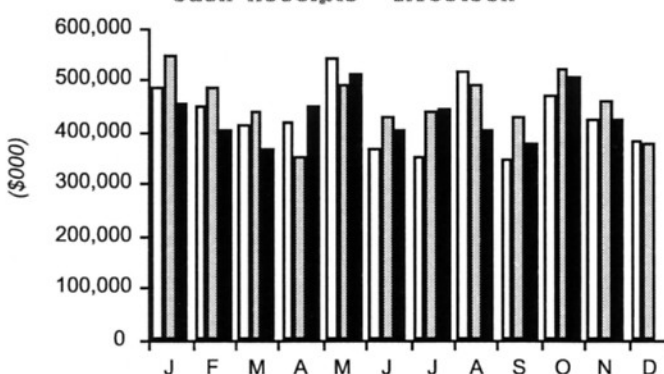
Total Nonfarm Employment

Unemployment Rate

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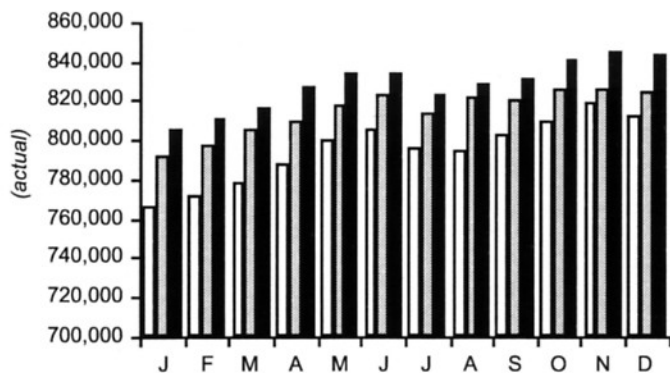
Cash Receipts—Crops

Cash Receipts—Livestock

Net Taxable Retail Sales* for Nebraska Cities ($000)

	October 1996 $	YTD $	YTD % Change
Ainsworth, Brown	1,605	16,390	-3.4
Albion, Boone	1,873	19,117	16.8
Alliance, Box Butte	5,513	56,813	4.7
Alma, Harlan	567	6,543	2.8
Arapahoe, Furnas	755	6,385	3.4
Arlington, Washington	163	1,731	-1.0
Arnold, Custer	268	2,555	-3.8
Ashland, Saunders	997	9,349	1.5
Atkinson, Holt	786	8,038	7.9
Auburn, Nemaha	2,370	23,845	1.5
Aurora, Hamilton	2,392	25,466	2.0
Axtell, Kearney	75	846	6.3
Bassett, Rock	358	4,432	-1.4
Battle Creek, Madison	519	5,873	0.4
Bayard, Morrill	355	4,044	-13.0
Beatrice, Gage	9,976	93,395	5.1
Beaver City, Furnas	98	1,147	-7.0
Bellevue, Sarpy	17,786	170,621	19.3
Benkelman, Dundy	483	5,104	8.0
Bennington, Douglas	398	3,759	34.8
Blair, Washington	5,966	58,087	1.2
Bloomfield, Knox	634	5,967	8.4
Blue Hill, Webster	484	4,076	11.6
Bridgeport, Morrill	971	9,430	-3.0
Broken Bow, Custer	3,889	41,863	-2.2
Burwell, Garfield	750	6,854	0.6
Cairo, Hall	194	1,836	0.9
Cambridge, Furnas	1,099	10,946	39.7
Central City, Merrick	1,534	16,142	9.6
Ceresco, Saunders	1,025	11,008	9.6
Chadron, Dawes	3,193	31,822	-3.2
Chappell, Deuel	372	3,728	-11.1
Clarkson, Colfax	534	4,295	7.2
Clay Center, Clay	247	2,727	16.9
Columbus, Platte	17,900	189,204	2.8
Cozad, Dawson	2,761	26,182	0.7
Crawford, Dawes	396	4,851	5.3
Creighton, Knox	1,010	9,642	1.5
Crete, Saline	3,462	33,454	-0.9
Crofton, Knox	398	4,056	16.2
Curtis, Frontier	310	2,880	0.6
Dakota City, Dakota	398	5,406	-2.6
David City, Butler	1,467	14,612	4.9
Deshler, Thayer	216	2,237	4.4
Dodge, Dodge	209	2,213	2.6
Doniphan, Hall	690	5,698	2.9
Eagle, Cass	252	3,106	-4.3
Elgin, Antelope	400	4,027	5.8
Elkhorn, Douglas	1,724	17,810	17.5
Elm Creek, Buffalo	302	2,732	25.3
Elwood, Gosper	323	3,962	5.9
Fairbury, Jefferson	2,885	29,292	3.0
Fairmont, Fillmore	116	1,294	-16.9
Falls City, Richardson	2,422	24,212	4.7
Franklin, Franklin	449	4,604	-1.0
Fremont, Dodge	19,501	201,307	4.3
Friend, Saline	450	4,587	-5.9
Fullerton, Nance	440	4,778	-6.5
Geneva, Fillmore	1,584	16,706	1.4
Genoa, Nance	253	2,613	11.1
Gering, Scotts Bluff	3,477	33,342	5.0
Gibbon, Buffalo	708	6,878	-1.4
Gordon, Sheridan	1,583	16,359	2.7
Gothenburg, Dawson	2,063	19,767	2.0
Grand Island, Hall	43,297	443,446	-0.6
Grant, Perkins	719	8,922	5.4
Gretna, Sarpy	3,529	33,436	0.4
Hartington, Cedar	1,746	14,840	-1.5
Hastings, Adams	18,210	190,922	0.7
Hay Springs, Sheridan	284	3,099	4.0
Hebron, Thayer	1,498	15,455	-4.7
Henderson, York	595	6,801	14.1
Hickman, Lancaster	166	2,163	2.6
Holdrege, Phelps	4,517	45,991	4.4
Hooper, Dodge	297	3,040	14.9
Humboldt, Richardson	415	4,778	7.4
Humphrey, Platte	798	7,189	12.4
Imperial, Chase	1,640	16,157	4.9
Juniata, Adams	165	1,986	3.2
Kearney, Buffalo	27,426	276,252	5.6
Kenesaw, Adams	101	1,028	0.1
Kimball, Kimball	1,266	14,381	-8.3
La Vista, Sarpy	7,203	70,961	9.9
Laurel, Cedar	439	3,649	6.2
Lexington, Dawson	6,912	71,508	0.6
Lincoln, Lancaster	178,733	1,726,480	10.0
Louisville, Cass	444	4,258	19.7
Loup City, Sherman	542	5,808	8.8
Lyons, Burt	692	4,606	4.3
Madison, Madison	858	7,628	19.7
McCook, Red Willow	10,468	101,997	9.6
Milford, Seward	1,006	8,238	9.3
Minatare, Scotts Bluff	198	1,955	-15.6
Minden, Kearney	1,575	15,579	-3.5
Mitchell, Scotts Bluff	592	6,891	-13.7
Morrill, Scotts Bluff	416	3,934	-0.8
Nebraska City, Otoe	5,894	53,987	10.0
Neligh, Antelope	1,327	11,987	-0.1
Newman Grove, Madison	341	3,219	3.5
Norfolk, Madison	28,359	266,988	7.6
North Bend, Dodge	391	4,648	3.1
North Platte, Lincoln	19,820	202,928	2.7
O'Neill, Holt	3,941	42,010	9.5
Oakland, Burt	581	6,102	7.4
Ogallala, Keith	5,077	53,554	6.3
Omaha, Douglas	414,800	4,137,645	5.2
Ord, Valley	1,669	17,007	-2.2
Osceola, Polk	722	7,037	-0.9
Oshkosh, Garden	417	4,166	-11.3
Osmond, Pierce	443	4,256	9.8
Oxford, Furnas	349	3,044	-10.8
Papillion, Sarpy	4,667	49,053	40.8
Pawnee City, Pawnee	265	2,749	-5.4
Pender, Thurston	829	6,655	11.3
Pierce, Pierce	587	6,104	-0.9
Plainview, Pierce	661	5,874	-4.8
Plattsmouth, Cass	3,051	29,703	7.1
Ponca, Dixon	404	4,924	11.5
Ralston, Douglas	3,120	28,647	11.6
Randolph, Cedar	345	3,612	5.1
Ravenna, Buffalo	669	6,189	-5.1
Red Cloud, Webster	593	6,337	-5.0
Rushville, Sheridan	515	5,292	0.4
Sargent, Custer	205	1,910	-6.7
Schuyler, Colfax	1,724	18,332	4.2
Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff	19,712	189,508	5.6
Scribner, Dodge	472	4,681	8.0
Seward, Seward	4,983	45,694	1.9
Shelby, Polk	334	3,104	4.8
Shelton, Buffalo	614	5,943	6.2
Sidney, Cheyenne	8,263	67,809	8.0
South Sioux City, Dakota	7,996	78,034	3.5
Springfield, Sarpy	279	2,801	50.7
St. Paul, Howard	1,233	11,324	4.2
Stanton, Stanton	545	5,334	3.9
Stromsburg, Polk	1,279	9,810	11.7
Superior, Nuckolls	1,525	14,743	5.6
Sutherland, Lincoln	230	2,916	12.4
Sutton, Clay	1,138	12,026	15.5
Syracuse, Otoe	1,179	9,955	3.7
Tecumseh, Johnson	1,007	9,937	3.4
Tekamah, Burt	1,002	10,259	5.5
Tilden, Madison	412	4,352	6.8
Utica, Seward	242	2,565	9.2
Valentine, Cherry	3,624	36,313	5.2
Valley, Douglas	1,073	11,486	10.4
Wahoo, Saunders	2,621	23,419	0.8
Wakefield, Dixon	277	3,529	-0.4
Wauneta, Chase	271	3,156	9.1
Waverly, Lancaster	597	6,114	9.0
Wayne, Wayne	3,083	29,691	2.6
Weeping Water, Cass	734	5,769	-4.9
West Point, Cuming	3,842	35,706	11.2
Wilber, Saline	444	4,256	-3.3
Wisner, Cuming	651	5,357	3.2
Wood River, Hall	368	4,324	0.3
Wymore, Gage	372	4,007	4.5

*Does not include motor vehicle sales. Motor vehicle net taxable retail sales are reported by county only.

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Net Taxable Retail Sales for Nebraska Counties ($000)

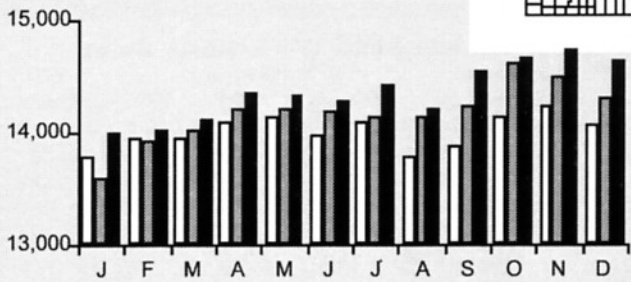|	Motor Vehicle Sales			Other Sales				Motor Vehicle Sales			Other Sales		
	October 1996 $	YTD $	YTD % Chg	October 1996 $	YTD $	YTD % Chg		October 1996 $	YTD $	YTD % Chg	October 1996 $	YTD $	YTD % Chg
Nebraska *	178,690	1,757,718	9.8	1,206,536	11,931,056	5.9	Howard	771	6,815	10.2	1,534	14,813	6.9
Adams	3,389	30,791	13.1	18,770	196,393	0.7	Jefferson	908	9,179	7.6	4,033	37,504	3.2
Antelope	852	9,599	21.4	2,134	20,067	3.2	Johnson	523	4,559	5.8	1,265	13,276	4.0
Arthur	17	448	16.1	(D)	(D)	(D)	Kearney	714	8,726	11.8	1,805	18,054	-1.2
Banner	253	1,525	41.5	(D)	(D)	(D)	wKeith	890	9,646	-3.2	5,462	58,525	7.7
Blaine	37	678	13.2	85	(D)	(D)	Keya Paha	105	1,057	7.7	68	806	8.0
Boone	901	8,197	10.3	2,421	24,218	12.7	Kimball	475	4,816	2.9	1,314	14,734	-8.1
Box Butte	1,030	15,121	-3.1	5,730	59,449	4.4	Knox	1,020	9,836	17.4	2,617	25,614	6.9
Boyd	235	2,098	-0.4	519	5,656	5.0	Lancaster	21,850	213,463	12.0	180,375	1,743,838	10.0
Brown	440	3,197	-5.2	1,652	17,046	-3.4	Lincoln	3,395	34,698	3.4	20,580	211,954	2.6
Buffalo	4,255	42,856	14.8	30,016	301,417	5.4	Logan	95	989	-4.8	84	(D)	(D)
Burt	1,480	9,758	17.5	2,460	22,921	5.3	Loup	40	619	-26.0	(D)	(D)	(D)
Butler	878	9,472	16.0	1,878	19,192	3.1	McPherson	45	646	39.8	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cass	3,097	29,927	15.5	5,574	55,266	5.8	Madison	3,757	35,890	5.2	30,531	288,757	7.7
Cedar	1,192	11,212	6.3	2,875	25,334	-0.1	Merrick	1,081	9,770	28.1	2,117	21,748	11.2
Chase	561	5,214	-0.7	1,924	19,691	5.6	Morrill	624	5,688	8.0	1,359	13,800	-6.4
Cherry	754	6,132	-2.2	3,788	38,367	5.1	Nance	482	4,542	16.5	711	7,704	-0.8
Cheyenne	1,399	12,348	14.8	8,477	70,531	7.9	Nemaha	789	7,651	2.5	2,528	26,279	-0.1
Clay	831	8,868	17.3	2,215	23,219	14.2	Nuckolls	373	5,446	3.2	2,008	19,897	5.4
Colfax	895	9,908	10.1	2,668	26,862	6.1	Otoe	1,867	16,882	10.1	7,449	67,734	8.5
Cuming	1,282	12,165	22.6	5,051	46,504	9.7	Pawnee	288	3,374	39.7	490	4,967	1.1
Custer	1,149	11,653	2.6	4,723	50,766	-1.6	Perkins	404	4,552	12.6	884	11,031	9.1
Dakota	1,763	19,941	13.7	8,984	90,164	3.1	Phelps	1,603	15,056	39.4	4,736	48,479	4.3
Dawes	696	6,916	3.7	3,591	36,692	-2.1	Pierce	768	8,961	15.0	1,752	17,022	0.5
Dawson	2,499	24,686	6.6	12,167	121,325	0.7	Platte	3,260	35,589	12.6	19,222	202,211	3.1
Deuel	300	2,781	29.9	759	7,639	-3.8	Polk	570	6,969	6.7	2,440	20,988	3.9
Dixon	762	6,038	9.3	771	9,622	6.4	Red Willow	1,243	12,094	-0.4	10,736	104,995	9.3
Dodge	4,042	37,066	17.0	21,115	218,497	4.4	Richardson	945	9,201	6.4	3,071	31,859	5.3
Douglas	46,835	451,759	9.0	422,975	4,218,540	5.3	Rock	193	1,918	-1.9	359	4,579	-0.9
Dundy	491	3,634	27.7	513	5,456	7.4	Saline	1,254	14,404	14.9	4,664	45,794	-1.8
Fillmore	757	8,440	8.1	2,214	25,356	2.6	Sarpy	12,533	124,396	6.8	34,016	331,447	18.1
Franklin	494	3,553	2.5	686	7,188	1.1	Saunders	2,059	23,290	14.8	5,574	53,047	3.8
Frontier	370	3,446	3.6	631	6,019	2.5	Scotts Bluff	4,546	37,721	7.4	24,465	236,485	4.4
Furnas	718	6,440	9.7	2,395	22,874	14.0	Seward	1,640	16,655	10.0	6,434	58,751	2.8
Gage	2,216	22,631	13.1	11,214	103,961	5.3	Sheridan	702	6,721	18.5	2,651	27,406	1.3
Garden	278	2,888	7.4	573	5,799	-9.9	Sherman	385	3,552	8.8	711	7,581	5.3
Garfield	185	1,798	23.3	750	6,854	0.6	Sioux	203	2,060	12.0	152	1,388	2.1
Gosper	350	2,987	18.7	386	4,508	5.8	Stanton	744	6,846	10.4	704	6,985	8.2
Grant	55	830	-8.6	151	1,656	-1.7	Thayer	818	7,147	15.0	2,220	23,600	-1.5
Greeley	272	2,860	0.9	684	6,442	3.9	Thomas	71	932	-5.3	387	3,440	4.9
Hall	5,736	58,191	10.8	44,841	458,678	-0.6	Thurston	523	5,067	15.4	938	7,926	9.2
Hamilton	1,027	11,656	7.0	2,880	29,833	3.4	Valley	517	4,690	2.9	1,873	18,793	-2.1
Harlan	455	4,754	15.2	713	8,648	-2.9	Washington	2,315	24,977	21.3	6,552	63,940	1.8
Hayes	85	1,381	9.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	Wayne	827	8,820	7.8	3,243	31,226	2.6
Hitchcock	612	3,943	17.3	543	5,911	1.3	Webster	410	4,065	16.0	1,187	11,474	0.9
Holt	1,279	12,241	2.1	5,331	56,598	7.8	Wheeler	138	1,323	-2.2	(D)	963	14.2
Hooker	88	938	44.1	329	3,205	14.3	York	1,607	16,219	2.0	9,494	94,122	3.6

*Totals may not add due to rounding
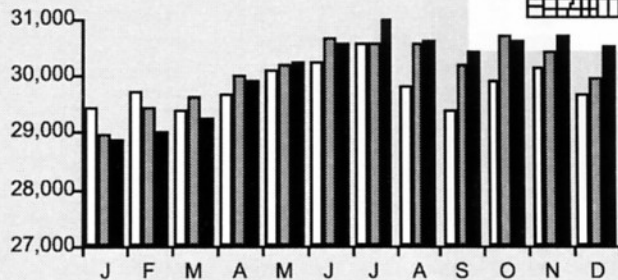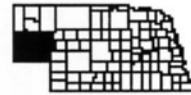(D) Denotes disclosure suppression

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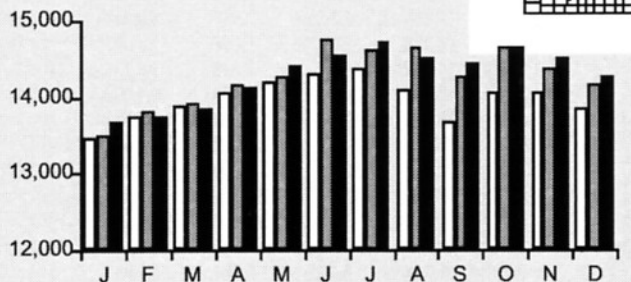# Regional Employment—1994 to December 1996

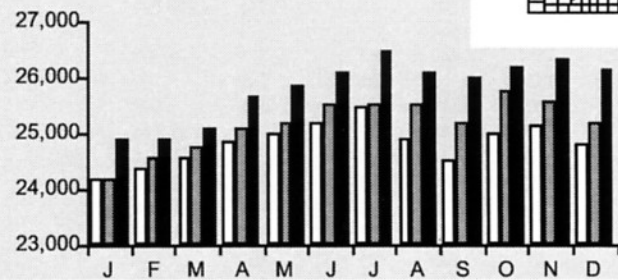Legend: ☐ 1994 ▨ 1995 ■ 1996

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Southwest Panhandle

Y-axis: 27,000 – 31,000
X-axis: J F M A M J J A S O N D

North Central

Y-axis: 12,000 – 15,000
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West Central

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Southwest Central

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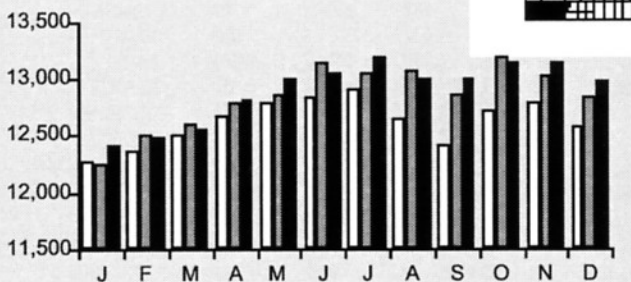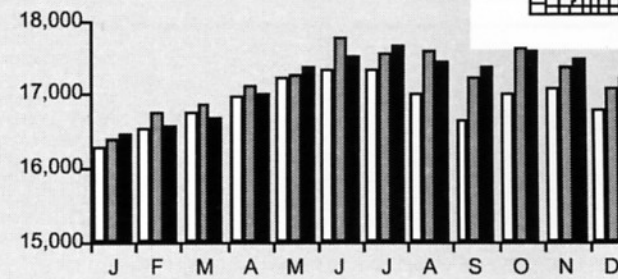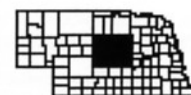
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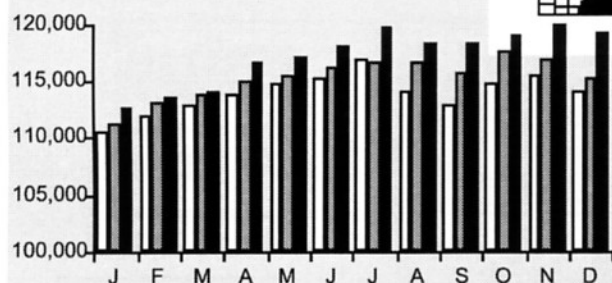
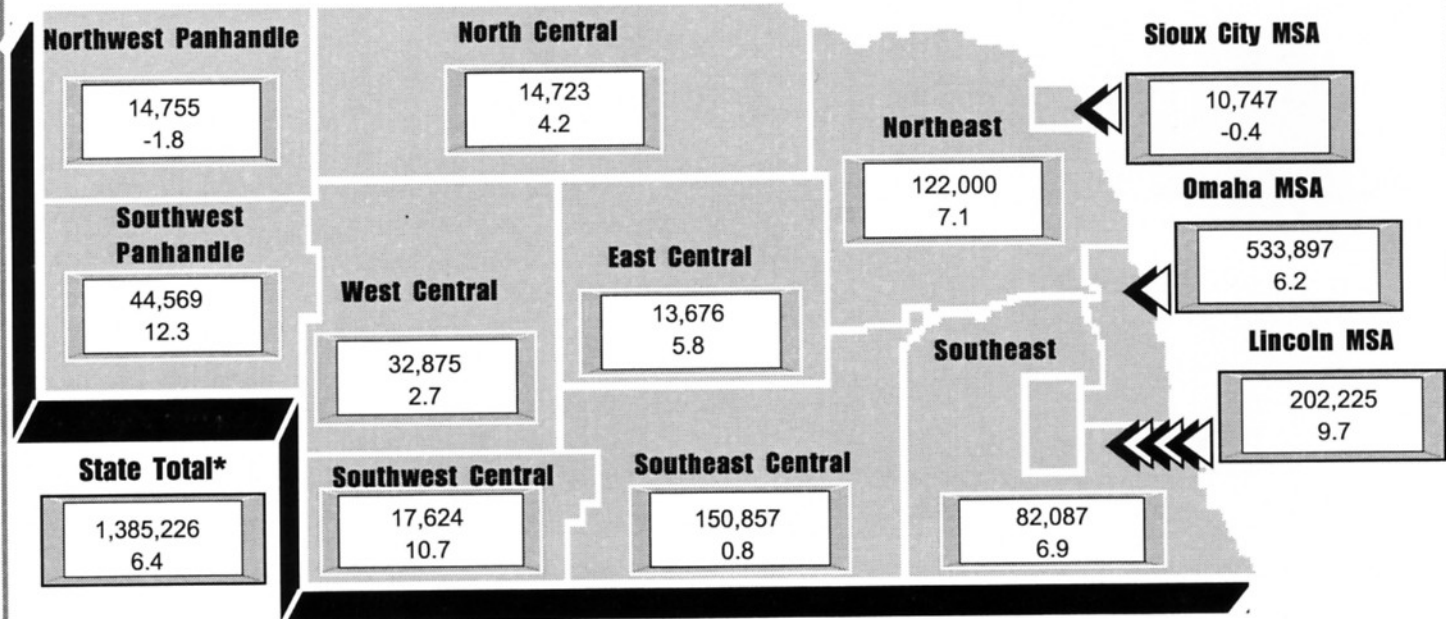## Northeast
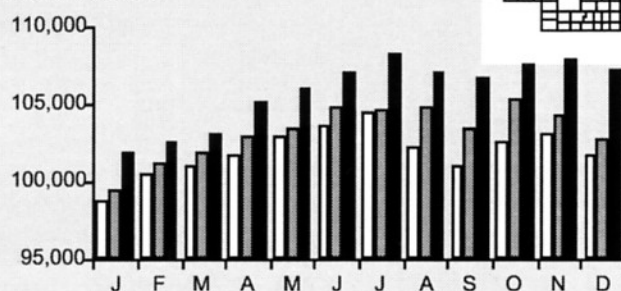
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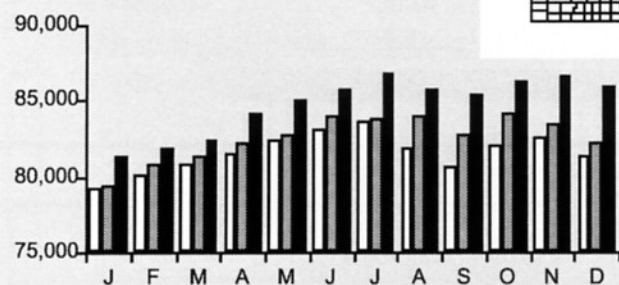
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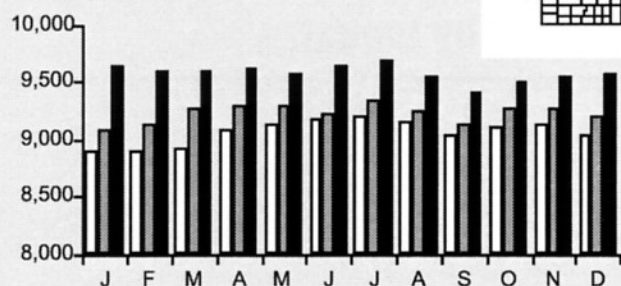
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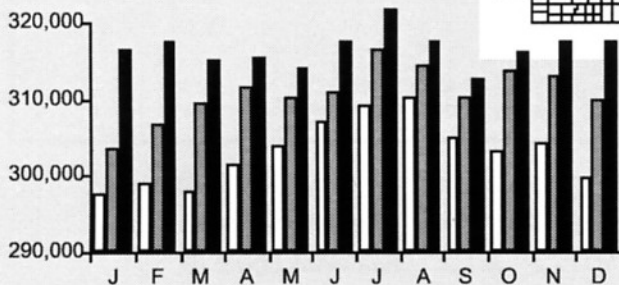
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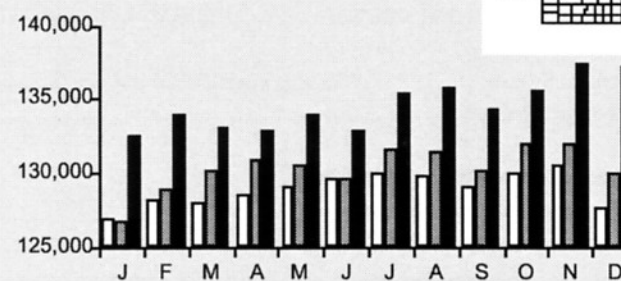
October 1996 Regional Retail Sales ($000)
Percent Change from Year Ago

Northwest Panhandle
14,755
-1.8

North Central
14,723
4.2

Sioux City MSA
10,747
-0.4

Northeast
122,000
7.1

Southwest Panhandle
44,569
12.3

West Central
32,875
2.7

East Central
13,676
5.8

Omaha MSA
533,897
6.2

Lincoln MSA
202,225
9.7

Southeast

State Total*
1,385,226
6.4

Southwest Central
17,624
10.7

Southeast Central
150,857
0.8

82,087
6.9

*Regional values may not add to state total due to unallocated sales

Employment by Industry

	Revised November 1996	Preliminary December 1996	% Change vs Year Ago
Place of Work			
Nonfarm	845,712	843,530	2.3
Construction & Mining	37,749	36,047	3.4
Manufacturing	114,378	114,390	2.0
Durables	54,956	55,093	2.5
Nondurables	59,422	59,297	1.6
TCU*	50,327	50,698	1.6
Trade	212,275	213,721	1.2
Wholesale	55,404	55,495	2.7
Retail	156,871	158,226	0.7
FIRE**	52,704	52,486	-0.3
Services	222,647	222,524	5.3
Government	155,632	153,664	0.7
Civilian Labor Force	917,856	913,624	2.2
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.3	

* Transportation, Communication, and Utilities
** Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate
Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Inflation Rate
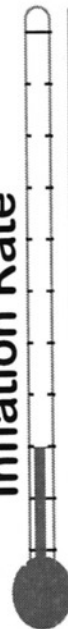
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Consumer Price Index - U*
(1982-84 = 100)

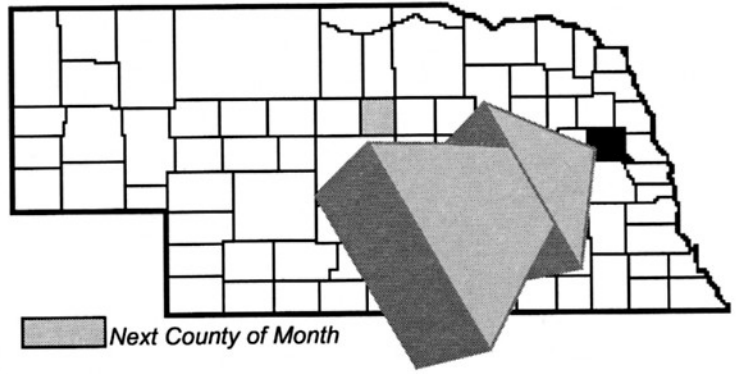|	January 1997	% Change vs Yr. Ago	YTD % Change vs Yr. Ago
All Items	159.1	3.0	3.0
Commodities	141.5	2.7	2.7
Services	177.0	3.3	3.3

*U = All urban consumers
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Dodge

Fremont-County Seat

License plate prefix number: 5

Size of county: 534 square miles, ranks 73rd in the state

Population: 34,732 in 1995, a change of 0.7 percent from 1990

Per capita personal income: $19,199 in 1994, ranks 45th in the state

Net taxable retail sales ($000): $295,052 in 1995, a change of -2.3 percent from 1994; $230,406 during January-September 1996, a change of 5.9 percent from the same period one year ago

Number of business and service establishments: 1,041 in 1993, 54.2 percent had less than five employees

Unemployment rate: 2.9 percent in Dodge County, 2.4 percent in Nebraska for 1995

Nonfarm employment (1995):

	State	Dodge County
Wage and Salary Workers	815,089	14,917
	(percent of total)	
Construction & Mining	4.4	3.3
Manufacturing	13.7	22.3
TCU	6.1	4.1
Wholesale Trade	6.5	7.4
Retail Trade	18.6	22.6
FIRE	6.4	3.2
Services	25.8	20.1
Government	18.5	17.8

Agriculture:

  Number of farms: 855 in 1992, 962 in 1987

  Average farm size: 350 acres in 1992

  Market value of farm products sold: $116.3 million in 1992 ($136,065 average per farm)

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Nebraska Department of Labor, Nebraska Department of Revenue

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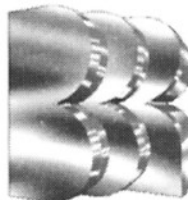http://www.cba.unl.edu/bbr/onramp.html

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